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The Great Event in Lutheranism

Lutheran World Assembly to Meet at Minneapolis, Delegates Representing 70,000,000 Will Meet.

Then Bishop Lajos Ordass of Hungary steps into the pulpit on Thursday, June 15th, at the Minneapolis Auditorium to deliver the opening sermon of the Lutheran World Assembly, a great event in today's Lutheran church which will begin.

We are thankful to God that Bishop Ordass can be with us. He is a symbol of the struggle of the Lutheran church in many lands.

He is an embodiment of the theme which will be discussed these ten days: Christ Frees and Unites.

What is the value of such an assembly? The Lutheran church throughout the world has formed what is known as the Lutheran World Federation. It is not a world church but a federation of the churches. They meet delegates and official visitors every year. This is the first time the federation meets in America. Nearly 70,000,000 Lutherans in the world are represented, some 70,000,000.

They will discuss the common problems of the Lutheran Church in the whole world. It has always been of great value for people to get together and discuss their common faith. Such meetings are as old as the meeting of the Apostles at Jerusalem, which is described in the Book of Acts. We need to discuss our faith, our theology, our church life and many other things.

The churches in the older countries need to meet the churches of Africa, Asia and Japan and other places. They will learn from the more established churches, and we shall learn from their life in the countries, where there are still so many non-Christians. Ideas about theology and evangelism can be exchanged.

These men will go back and bring a message about our church life. They will write about their impressions, and

this will teach us something, and we hope that they also will be inspired and learn things that will bear fruit in their lands.

Bishop Hans Lilje of Germany is the present president. No one holds that office more than five years. A new man, no doubt an American, will be elected at Minneapolis to preside the next five years.

The head office is at Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Carl Lund-Quist is the executive director. Dr. Lund-Quist has been in touch with all the Lutheran churches the past five years. He has made several visits behind the iron curtain. With him and the many other leaders the problems of the church will be made crystal clear.

Speaking of problems let us say that there may be heated discussions. It is to be expected that such a great meeting with people from so many different churches will produce some tension. But the main theme, Christ Frees and Unites will be able to hold us together.

The program is tremendous. The main theme will be discussed in the forenoon by prominent churchmen. The delegates will get together in groups of 35 and discuss the theme in the afternoon. The leaders of these groups will then meet and summarize the result.

Those who are not delegates may attend the meetings in the forenoon and special programs are arranged for them in the afternoon, where men well known in the Lutheran church of the world will address them. Many of these afternoon events will be panel discussions.

We have already suggested that tickets should be obtained as soon as possible. Write to Dr. William Larsen, Blair, Nebraska, for them.



About ten college choirs of the United States will sing. The St. Thomas Boys' Choir of Leipzig, East Germany, will be there.

Your editor attended the last meeting of the Committee of Arrangements for the Assembly June 6-7. Dr. E. Clifford Nelson has been at work a whole year to arrange this assembly. It was amazing how wonderfully well the whole ten days are planned. Pastors and lay people will get a chance to hear about almost anything within the church. Music, liturgy, service, evangelism, etc. There will be 66 exhibits showing all phases of the church.

Those within the reach of Minneapolis will do well to visit the assembly at least a day.

Charter a Bus

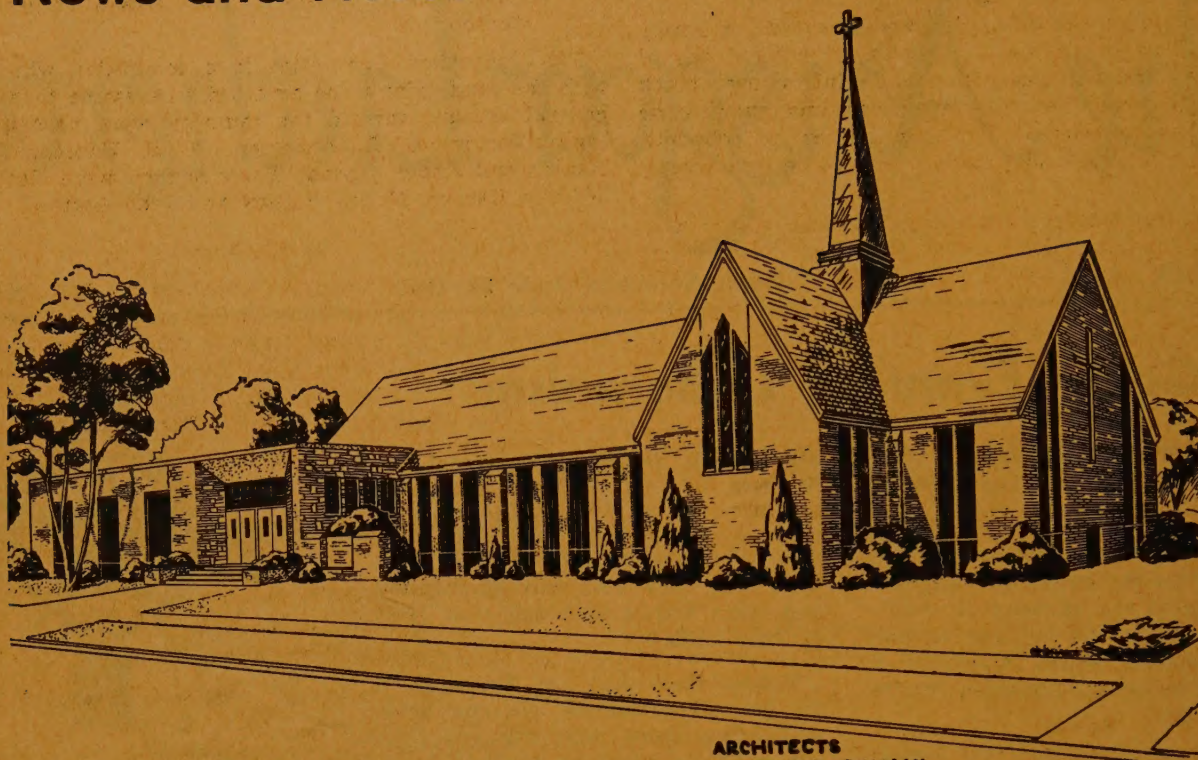
Several Canadians will come for a day or two in chartered buses. It would be a good idea for a congregation, or a young married couple to charter a bus and make the trip. They could have much joy coming and going, and certainly they would never forget the event.

Lodging

The Committee on Arrangements will take care of the lodging. They have secured hotel space and dormitory space. They have secured many private homes where you can stay for the night. \$2.00 per night for one and \$3.00 for two in a room.

For everything write to Lutheran World Federation, 701 Second Ave. So., Minneapolis 2, Minnesota.

News and Notes



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THE NEW GOLGOTHA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILL.

Members of Golgotha Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois are planning a ground breaking ceremony to be held at the site of their proposed church, in the southwest section of Chicago, on Sunday, June 23rd at 4 o'clock. Golgotha Church recently sold its present church property to the St. James Lutheran Church, a colored congregation, originally organized by men and women from the Virgin Islands, which once belonged to Denmark. We feel very fortunate to know that our church will continue in the Lutheran faith, and minister to the changing population in that area, under the leadership of the Rev. Robin Skyles, of the U.L.C.A.

The new building will be of contemporary brick design with a steeple topped by a gold leaf cross. The total floor area will be 15,000 square feet. There will be a seating capacity of 348, with an additional 48 in the choir loft which is in the transept, where the organ console will also be located. Extra space will be provided in the narthex for 50 or 60 people, and an

additional combination lounge and mother's room will have a capacity for an added 50 or 60. This room also includes a Pullman Kitchen. The narthex will be closed off from the nave by a framed glass partition, providing an entry vestibule and a separation from the lounge. A 32 foot chancel, a study and vestry, an office, a large choir room, a fellowship hall with a seating capacity of 280 at tables, a boiler room with segregated hot water heating system, an ultra-modern kitchen with latest conveniences, and seven classrooms which may be tripled by the use of folding doors are also in the plans. Other modern conveniences are three telephones, an intercommunication system, and a complete public address system. The new building with furnishings will represent an investment of at least \$300,000, \$170,000 of which has already been pledged. The building was designed by Whitehead and Billman of Chicago.

The new church will be built on a 125 foot by 360 foot lot which includes

ample parking space. The location is adjacent to many new homes, providing a field for the growth of the congregation. Golgotha Church is engaged in developing its spiritual resources in this area through the function of a newly appointed Stewardship Committee. The committee hopes that this new building in a new area will be an open door for greater service. Rev. F. C. M. Hansen, pastor of the church.

The Southwest Minnesota Women's Missionary Society Rally, consisting of ladies from Morgan, Hutchinson, Evanston, Sleepy Eye and Brookville, was held at St. Mathew's Lutheran church in Evanston, entertained by the Brookville ladies, on Wednesday June 5th, 1961. A noon luncheon was served with coffee and cake.

At 2 o'clock, the group met in the church. The program opened with a welcome by Mrs. L. R. Madsen, president of the Brookville Ladies' Society. Pastor J. E. Andersen read scripture. (Continued on page 15)

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The 61st Annual Convention

61st annual convention of synod has been a happy so far. This is written on Saturday, the third day of convention, and the convention is in full swing. Much has been done. Saturday afternoon and evening no ss will be transacted. The new convention schedule, day evening till Tuesday noon, seems to be well accept-

church, **Our Savior's Lutheran**, has been a fine host. thing seems to go like a clock. It is a beautiful church ly built. It has adequate space for everything.

attendance at the convention is not large. Saturday about 70 pastors and 200 lay delegates had reported. were about 100 more as guests, plus the people from e.

opening service was a festive one. The Rev. J. M. vice-president, was liturgist. Our Savior's Lutheran rendered a beautiful anthem. Dr. William Larsen, cal president preached on "Freed in Christ to be of God." The sermon appeared in the last issue.

The Lord's Supper

ors, delegates, and visitors, communed Friday morn- when the Rev. Wesley Andersen, preached the commun- mon.

Rambling Comments

next issue will carry a great deal of official news. issue can only report on the beginning and give a few

Friday morning a number of committees were nom- ated and some were elected.

The following constitute elections. These committees rve only during convention time.

Nomination Committee which nominates two can- s for each office consists of a pastor and a layman each district were elected as follows:

astor Emil Pedersen, President
ndrew P. Juhl, Sesretary

Atlantic — Pastor Elmer W. Andersen
Mrs. Paul E. Johnson

Illinois — Pastor Emil Pedersen
Peter Hansen

Wisconsin — Pastor Harold Larsen
Walter Petersen

Minnesota — Pastor Roy Mumm
Otto Thompson

Iowa — Pastor Clifford Paulsen
Victor Jensen

Nebraska — Pastor A. P. Staby
Mrs. Keith Knudsen

North Dakota, Montana — Pastor Silas Larsen
Nels Bach

Pacific — Pastor Samuel Hansen
Andrew P. Juhl

West Canada — Pastor Albert Rasmussen
Miss Ruth Damkar

assistant secretaries, Pastors Carl Schattauer and y Larsen were elected.

General Committee, which is a committee to which problems may be assigned during the convention,

got these members: Pastors Robert Berthelsen, Cornelius Hansen and Adolph Petersen. Also Edwin Jorgensen and N. P. Madsen.

The Ordination Committee is a committee which meets with the candidates to be ordained to examine then in their general attitude toward the ministry were elected as follows: Pastors E. R. Andersen, N. B. Hansen, Thorvald Hansen and Anker Jensen. Three laymen were also elected: William Hansen, Milton Highby and John Larsen.

Nominations

The Nominating Committee presented the following names for the offices of the different boards and committees, which serve the U.E.L.C. during the year. Most of them are elect- ed for a term of three years. The treasurer is elected for one year. The trustees of Dana College are elected for five years. Here are the nominations. The actual elections will be printed next week.

Synodical Treasurer

P. V. Hansen (incumbent)
Ralph Hendricksen, Blair, Nebraska

Synodical Board of Education

Ervin F. Bondo (incumbent)
Edward Hansen (Hutchinson, Minn.)

Dana College and Trinity Seminary Board of Trustees

Pastors — E. Bondo
E. Hansen (Hutchinson)
Laymen — A. M. Vig (incumbent)
Walter Hardwick, Brush, Colorado

Board of Parish Education

Pastors — Stanley Larsen (incumbent)
Reynold Tange

Board of Pensions

Keith Knudsen (incumbent)
Alfred Hedegard, Atlantic

Japan Mission

Mrs. Elmer Christensen (incumbent)
Mrs. A. R. Petersen, Golgotha

Santal Mission

Pastor Donald Hansen
Pastor Robert Berthelsen

Sudan Mission

Pastor Virgil Anderson
Pastor B. J. Engskow

South American Mission

Laymen — Martin Iversen
Gumar Dresen, Sharon, Canada

Board of Charities

Pastors — Wesley M. Andersen
Clarence Jensen
Laymen — Mrs. George L. Christensen
Mrs. Ralph Nielsen

Lutheran Publishing House

Pastors — F. C. M. Hansen (incumbent)
Emil Pedersen
Laymen — John S. Gebuhr (incumbent)
Arnold V. Jorgensen, Milltown
Marcus Beck (incumbent)
Ralph Nielsen

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Church News from here and there

PRINCIPAL OF LUTHERAN SCHOOL RESIGNS OVER RACE ISSUE

Chicago (RNS)—The principal of a Lutheran grade school here has resigned because the church board refused to let him enroll Negro students.

Erich H. Krentz said he was ending his five-year tenure as principal at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran School because he was forced to act "contrary to what I believe God wants me to do."

His resignation became known when the Negro children's white pastor circulated a letter asking if the Lutheran church had become "a citadel for diehard segregationists."

The letter of protest was sent to 200 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod clergymen by the Rev. Ralph L. Moellering, pastor of the interracial First Immanuel Lutheran church.

It charged that Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, Forest Park, denied a burial plot to a Negro child who was struck and killed by a freight train on a Boy Scout outing.

"Apparently, it was felt that a Negro corpse beneath the sod might contaminate the final resting place of Caucasian Lutherans," Pastor Moellering wrote.

Principal Krentz, 56, said he "prayed, thought, studied and inquired" for seven months before handing in his resignation.

He said he finally decided he could not "teach lessons like 'Jesus Blesses Children' and 'The Parable of the Great Supper' and also turn away pupils because of their color."

The Rev. Ewald F. Lorenz, pastor of St. Matthew's church for 28 years, confirmed that the school barred Negro children, although he said it has accepted pupils of American Indian, Mexican and mixed Chinese-Caucasian ancestry.

He attributed the church's stand to neighborhood resentment against Negroes.

Otto Scheck, board president of Concordia Cemetery, denied that a burial plot had been refused for the Negro child on grounds of race. He was unable to say, however, on what grounds a cemetery employee had rejected the request for a lot.

UPROOTED PEOPLES HELD GREATEST SOCIAL PROBLEM

The problem of uprooted peoples is still "the greatest single social problem of our times" Dr. Edgar Chandler, associate director of the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, said at Eastbourne, England.

He told the division's annual consultation that 40,000 refugees were settled through the World Council between May, 1956, and April, 1957.

"At the same time, however," he added, "I must tell you that the case load is still about 150,000, just as it was when I reported to you a year ago."

In another report to the meeting, attended by 150 representatives from 35 countries, Arthur Foster, the division's senior field officer in Austria, said that "if the interest of the world had been held another few weeks we could have liquidated the whole problem of Hungarian refugees in Austria."

"But this interest dried up," he commented. "The World Council is now the only agency on the border where once 68 groups worked. The glamor has disappeared, the money is mostly gone, but refugees still come across—not many, but some."

Mr. Foster said the most pressing need in Austria now is that of 3,800 unaccompanied refugee youths. He stressed that "we can't under any circumstances, leave them in their present environment."

SAYS PRESIDENT'S CHURCHGOING PRACTICE AIDS RELIGIOUS REVIVAL

The churchgoing practice of President Eisenhower and other government leaders has helped greatly in

the revival of religion in America. Archbishop Michael, head of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, said in an interview at Montreal.

"The good example of the president in going to church each day with his family has more influence on the people than might think at first," said the bishop who came here from New York headquarters in connection with a fund-raising campaign.

"His example, and that of other leaders, influences people to go to church and think about their religion," he added.

"There is a great revival of religion in America. All the churches are doing their best."

COMMUNISTS CONTINUE INSULTS AGAINST BISHOP DIBELIUS

Reports of new insults by communist propagandists against Otto Dibelius of Berlin, of the Evangelical Church in Germany, caused indignation among Christians throughout the country.

On the eve of the bishop's arrival at Bohnsdorf, a suburb of East Berlin where he was scheduled to preach at ceremonies marking the 200th anniversary of a church, communists painted defamatory slogans against him on fences and along the road leading to the village. One of the slogans read: "Defilers of the Youth."

Friedrich von Balluseck is a criminal who was recently sentenced by a West Berlin court to years imprisonment and life detention in a mental clinic.

When the Christian population of Bohnsdorf noted the Communist smearings they turned out pails, water and scouring brushes and removed them before Otto Dibelius arrived.

During the church ceremonies Superintendent Fritz Figur read a declaration of loyalty to Otto Dibelius recently adopted by the Synod of the Evangelical Church of Berlin and Brandenburg.

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the Washington Observer

By Gerhard Lenski

FEDERAL AID FOR EDUCATION

Federal Aid for education continues to be a subject of hot debate in the halls of Congress and elsewhere. Strong forces—those of the Administration and of the National Education Association—are very much in favor of it. But there are those forces, probably not so well organized but numerous nonetheless, opposing it for various reasons, among which, if they can unite in a common opposition, are likely to prevail against it.

Which can be said on both sides of the question. If Federal aid means Federal control, then, to be sure, it is to be questioned. But President Eisenhower says emphatically that his program does not mean Federal control, that the actual expenditure and administration of aid funds is to be on the local level and by the states themselves.

It is understandable that prosperous states with good schools already hardly be cheered to have tax dollars siphoned away from their schools and communities into less prosperous and with poorer schools. It is also understandable that Southern states should oppose Federal aid for public schools if the condition of acceptance of these funds is that of integration. These issues continue unresolved. It will be interesting to watch their development as debate continues and as time runs on.

Whatever is done, it is not to be denied that there are inadequate public schools in not a few of our states and that funds to improve these schools are not presently available. It is a further fact that inadequate schools in some of these states are now contributing to the tension associated with the integration problem. Here a real need exists. Here, if the existing

need can be met, a great good can be expected. If the President's plan cannot be approved, what other plan shall we follow? Or shall we simply take things easy and stop worrying about the whole business? Mr. Christian Citizen, what is your answer?

VISITING THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

The tourist season is on, in fact, it is always on in Washington. Crowds bigger than ever continue to come. Parking anywhere in-town is a headache. As for room reservations, please make them well in advance. It simply isn't safe to take a chance unless you enjoy sleeping in the park or in a quiet corner of some public building. The estimate says about five million tourists will come this year. Of course, the number could be more. It will be if this present delightful weather keeps up.

Washington is undergoing many changes. For some years now the colored population has been mounting. Today close to 50% of the total is colored, while among the school children nearly 70% are colored.

For the first time since World War II the government has a planned building program for civilian agencies. Washington has its share of these. Among them it may be said that the labor movement is outstanding in its representation. Today at least 50 unions have their headquarters here and these headquarters buildings rival our government structures in luxury and magnificence. Opposite the Capitol stands the marble edifice of the Teamsters. It is equipped with a large auditorium trimmed in 23 karat gold leaf, a luxury pent-house, a large garage and marble ash-trays. The AFL and the CIO have their homes here and it is easy to see why. Directing some 15,000,000

workers across the nation, labor leaders need to be close to the seat of government if they are to get what they want.

Washington is said to be depression-proof. Government employment is steady and well-paying in spite of all reports to the contrary. The median in-town family income is about \$5,000 a year. The suburban median is very close to \$6,800, which, to be sure, is not bad at all. The present metropolitan population is slightly under two million. Our forecasters predict two and a half million within ten years.

Another side of the picture needs to be noted. A correspondent, writing for the *New York Times*, puts it well when he says:

"If you go more than a stone's throw east (of the Capitol), you will enter the infamous Second Police Precinct where the annual major crime rate is one per 25 persons. Perhaps by accident, a few tourists will learn that hungry school children—apathetic and bloated youngsters—live within blocks of where Congressmen dispense billions in foreign aid annually."

Quite a contradiction in terms, isn't it—a glorious city representing the wealthiest nation in the world, yet a city where crime still runs rampant and the most elementary kind of human relief is still a dire necessity!

THE CULPRIT CAUGHT AT LAST

Who is responsible for the rising high costs of living? The Labor Department at Washington says that labor is to blame, that the excessive wage increases asked and obtained by our great unions have been and still are a very definite cause for the unbroken spiraling of living costs for these last months and years.

The analysis of our Labor Department statisticians is too technical for the most of us, but it breaks down to the simple declaration that pay checks have increased beyond productivity, so to speak. Payments to labor in the last ten years have

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The Story of Bishop Ordass

MAN OF INDOMITABLE FAITH

By NLC News Bureau

A decade ago the name of Lutheran Bishop Lajos Ordass of Hungary was almost unknown outside eastern Europe. Today it stands as a symbol of indomitable faith and personal courage for the entire Christian world.

Reinstated last fall as head of the Hungarian Lutheran Church, he was the natural choice to preach the opening sermon at the Lutheran World Federation's Third Assembly at Minneapolis, August 15-25, a gathering at which nearly all the 71 million Lutherans in all corners of the earth will be represented.

No one has met the tall, gaunt, ascetic Hungarian Primate without feeling his tremendous spiritual force. It is not an aggressive force that takes you by storm, but a force held quietly in check, a force capable of lasting a long time.

This inner strength enabled the 56-year-old bishop to withstand Communist-inspired attack, false charges, farcical trial and eight years isolation—two in prison and six under virtual house arrest in Budapest. It enabled him to bear privation and, with quiet dignity, to undertake weaving and knitting shawls in small top-floor quarters, thus eking out the insufficient funds allowed for support of himself, his ailing wife, and his four children.

Lajos Ordass had known privation before. Born February 1, 1901, in Torzsa in the Batschka district (now Yugoslavia, he grew up the son of a father who taught in a Lutheran country school and planned to educate his boy for the Church. Lajos had already entered the University of Budapest when World War I ended. Then the Trianon treaty drew new boundaries. His parents were in one country, he in another.

Cut off from any further support from home, the young student earned his livelihood the best he could, pursuing his studies in theology and philosophy in Sopron, western Hungary, when the theological faculty was moved there. A scholarship enabled him to go to Germany to continue his studies. Inflation made the scholarship almost worthless and the gangling boy with the shock of wavy blonde hair worked in the coal mines to maintain himself.

One way and another Lajos Ordass kept going until he was ordained in 1924 at the age of 23. After serving as assistant pastor two years he managed a term of study at Lund in 1927 and one term at Uppsala in 1928. In Sweden he established lasting fellowship with eminent personalities in the church outside Hungary.

When he returned home to serve a dozen year country congregations, he kept up his church work abroad and showed his people that Christians family around the world. At the same time he did much time and energy to organizing a Sunday program for the whole church and in translating SS School literature from Swedish and Norwegian sources.

During the second World War Pastor Ordass freely came into conflict with and spoke out against infiltration into the Church. When the national socialist regime threatened to withdraw state support from the Church, he worked out plans for an independent financial system. He tried courageously, but failed, to organize all Hungarian religious bodies against persecution of the Jews.

Elected bishop in 1945 of the largest Lutheran church and finally made primate of all Lutheranism in Hungary, Bishop Ordass represented his church at the first assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Sweden, 1947 and was elected vice president.

There he gave one of his memorable sermons in simple words, expressing profound truths with force and beauty. He called his hearers to "Work, it is yet day." Every one knew how short Lajos Ordass's day might be. Many begged him not to return to Communist dominated Hungary, but he refused to desert his post. After a short tour of churches in western European countries, he came to the United States briefly to arrange with American Lutheran leaders for Christian relief in his war-torn homeland.

Lajos Ordass has large deep-set eyes under a dome of a forehead, high cheek bones and thin tan skin. His mouth is gentle and his chin firm. Americans find him slow to smile, but boyishly charming when he does. His simple, child-like piety and his mild demeanour have devoted friends who were to keep their faith through long clouded years. When his work in the United States was done, he resolutely turned his back on life on the razor's edge.

More than 60 per cent of Hungarian Lutheran church buildings were destroyed in World War II. Many Lutherans lived in conditions of extreme poverty, with church activities accordingly circumscribed. While the Lutheran population in Hungary are not negligible, numbering half a million, they represent only five per cent of a population of 10 million which four centuries ago, before the counter-revolution, they represented two-thirds. Lutheranism in Hungary had grown used to an often bitter struggle for survival.

It was a typical diaspora of small congregations in scattered towns and villages that formed the bishopric which Lajos Ordass had been elected. With terrific energy and conscientiousness, he set out to discover and hidden groups of his people, his task made more difficult by an exchange of 40,000 Slovaks in Hungary for 40,000 Hungarians in Czechoslovakia. Then it was that the mild-mannered bishop had great organizing power. No group was too small for him to seek out, personally visit, and weave into the church fabric. His capacity for hard work was endless and his congregations loved him.

It was inevitable that this man of Christian conscience would conflict with the Communists as he had with the Nazis. In 1948 the Reds announced their intention to take over the extensive system of church schools. Bishop Ordass was in Geneva on church business. He knew he would not make plans to oppose the Reds, but neither would he give consent. Again people begged him not to go back to almost certain imprisonment, perhaps death.

"You pray," he said, "we'll do the suffering."

He returned to Budapest. A Hungarian government official harangued him. He said it was the bishop's duty to "lead the people to trust their government." The bishop replied that his duty was to God and the only propaganda he could teach was the Gospel of Christ.

On the night of August 24, 1948, Lajos Ordass was arrested and held 24 hours for questioning. He was given the option of resigning as bishop. He refused. Again on September 7 he was given 24 hours in which to resign. Again he refused and next day was herded off to prison. Government-directed newspapers launched a heavy attack upon the bishop, but failed to discredit him in the eyes of his people. When his trial was held on trumped up charges of failure to report receipt of relief funds from America, the Lutheran churches of Budapest were crowded with those who came early in the morning to pray for their beloved bishop and many stood outside crying in the streets.

In court Lajos Ordass maintained his innocence. "During these five weeks," he said, "I have asked myself and God many times if I am guilty. I have had plenty of time to ponder this question. And now, as I stand before my judges, I must state that I—from a childhood of poverty risen to this high responsibility—have never lived with such peace in my heart as I have received during this time. . . . As I now stand here I carry a wound. It is a deep wound. . . . If the judge sets me free the wound will not hurt so much that I could not work and serve my fatherland. But . . . in any event, the will of God will be done."

The court sentenced Bishop Ordass to two years in prison and deprived him of his civil rights for five years, paying him 3,000 forint, about \$225.00. Released after twenty months, he went into forced retirement. Only a month before, in April of 1950, he had been deposed from the Church.

Lutherans the world over never ceased to work for the rehabilitation of the persecuted bishop. After eight years, through the efforts of officials of the Lutheran World Federation, vindication and restoration came in the fall of 1956. His people were overjoyed. An old woman spoke for them all when she exulted, "Now we have our proper bishop back again."

Preaching his first sermon in eight years on Reformation Day last October, Bishop Ordass took as his text Matt. 22:1-14 (The King's Marriage Feast). He said it was good to speak after a long silence and "to testify that there is a holy relation between Jesus and a believer comparable to that between a bride and bridegroom."

"When everybody deserted me and I shook with fear," he said, "my Savior called me and took me in his two strong arms. He led me through a burning flame and showed me the beginning of a new life. I knew then that if nothing is constant in this world, God is unchanged; and to Him that which was sin yesterday remains sin today and that which was holy yesterday remains holy today."

Characteristically Bishop Ordass greeted the Austrian church team who brought relief supplies during the Hungarian uprising last November with the statement that the food and medicine, though welcome, were not as important as the assurance of "brotherly love" they brought.

And characteristically, too, he asked for funds to support the dependants of the puppet church officials set up by the Communists during his imprisonment and now, in their turn, deposed.

If Bishop Ordass never became the symbol of the Hungarian people's struggle against Communism as did the wider-publicized Cardinal Mindszenty, perhaps it was because his attitude is more that of a Ghandi than a Gregor VII. Where the Roman Catholic cardinal, in one tradition, often urged his flock to defend the spiritual in the political arena, the Lutheran bishop, true to his tradition, kept away from politics. But he was an equally implacable enemy of Communism.

"The Hungarian Lutheran Church," he said at his trial, "does not look for the suffering of martyrdom, but it is not afraid of it and does not shrink from it."

Recent photographs coming out of Hungary since his rehabilitation last fall show streaks of white in the bishop's thinning hair, deepened lines and cavernous hollows in his cheeks. But there is the same gentle, almost exalted serenity in his eyes, and the same strong, firmly set jaw.

A Lutheran churchman who visited Bishop Ordass last summer in Budapest just prior to his rehabilitation, said, "I have visited a saint."

This is the man who has been chosen to preach the sermon before some 10,000 delegates and visitors in the Minneapolis Auditorium on the evening of Thursday, August 15, as the Lutheran World Federation opens its 11-day Third Assembly under the theme, "Christ Frees and Unites."

Women of the Church

THE GOALS OF THE W. M. S. OF U. E. L. C.

By Margaret A. Miller

A desire to unite local groups for greater service to our Lord brought about the organization of the Women's Missionary Society in 1932. As an auxiliary of our church, membership made up of Women's Societies and Junior Mission Groups, we support the program of our church.

As stated in our constitution our goals are:

1. To inspire in the individual member a deeper consecration to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
2. To unite the Women's Societies of our church for greater service in extending the kingdom of God by creating interest and promoting education concerning our Foreign and Home Missions, Charities, and Schools.
3. To aid the church's missionary activities with financial contributions.
4. To publish and circulate Missionary Literature and to encourage our women and young people to read and use it.
5. To organize missionary societies and Junior Missionary Societies wherever possible.

Through the introduction of "The Women of The Church" plan, we encourage every adult woman of the church to affiliate actively with one group, to become better acquainted with Home and Foreign Missions and the organization of our Synod, and above all to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The last in a series of articles by the women of the merging churches.

Junior Mission Society goals are:

1. To lead boys and girls to know Jesus Christ their Savior.
2. To help boys and girls express their Christianity.
3. To teach them about the work of our church and train them for its service.
4. To unite all children in the work for Home and Foreign Missions.
5. That we express our interest by gifts of money and box work.

Membership is open to all boys and girls who wish to learn about missions.

As Christians we have the command of Jesus in Matthew 28:19, 20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

The field is the world—the responsibility is ours. We aid our Synod in the Home and World Missions. We must be faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

In a sense we have been separated by several combinations of the alphabet—A.L.C.; E.L.C.; and U.E.L.C. We anticipate more effective work through merger and ask God's blessing and guidance as we move for 1960. Blest be the Tie that binds our hearts in Christian Life.

The 61st Annual Convention

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Statistician

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William Hansen, Easton, Calif.
Eskild Haugland (incumbent), Brooklyn, N. Y.
Carl Larsen, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Resolutions Adopted

A Military Service Committee was established. The duty of this committee is to keep in contact with the chaplains in the armed forces and assists with everything pertaining to the chaplancies of the present and future chaplains. The

president of synod, the youth director, and the president of Trinity seminary will be members of this committee.

The 1958 convention will be held in Blair, Neb.

The convention adopted a motion to implement the Intercultural Outreach Service of the National Lutheran Council be approved as a part of the Division of American Missions. This service will deal with all the racial problems of church and assist and advise congregations.

Suppose a church is in a neighborhood of a special type. What shall be done? Shall the congregation move out to integrate the race, etc.

The loan policy of the synod is that amounts may be borrowed up to 50% of the Church Extension Fund and

Congregations accepted into Synod

By the vote of the convention and at a formal reception Friday night the following congregations became members of the U.E.L.C.: St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Wheatland, Calif., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Neb., St. John's Lutheran and South Walnut Lutheran Churches of Coalinga, Calif., and St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Tipton, Iowa.

The Laymen Meet

The laymen had a very good meeting with a most able discussion. It was led by Arnold Christensen, layman

on the church council. He was able to get a number of
ects discussed.

The Synodical Quota

ewardship is a perennial subject. It was interesting to
how different congregations raised their synodical
a. The important thing is not the method, but that it
one. And it goes without saying that the different con-
gations have different approaches to this subject. Here is
ypical congregation of farmers. They do it in their way.
e is a church with a strong national background. It
its way. Another church has a large annual turnover in
bership. It naturally has other problems. Method is
important, but love is.

od first, my neighbor second and I am third.

Evangelism

ne question was also raised about evangelism. It was
ed by one man that the important thing is to have an
ve group of lay people calling on both old and new
nbers as well as on prospects. Lay people must be put
work in order to develop real love for the kingdom of
. This creates a spirit of prayer and interest, which
es it easy to raise the needed funds.

The Family Problem

ne man raised the question of the difficulty in keeping
family together. The schools and the community make
many demands that cause the different members of the
ily to take part in a number of things. Then the church
comes along and demands time for men's meetings,
le meetings, committee meetings, Luther League meet-
etc. All this has a tendency to split up the family.
y are seldom at home the same time. Can anything be
e for that? Family devotion is even next to impossible.
ow can this situation be remedied? Is it possible to have
ily nights in the church, where most of the activities are
ddled in one night. If the family met in the church one
nt, could the members then separate into their special
ups and do their special work there?

his subject created a good deal of interest. No one dared
come with any specific suggestions, but it was agreed
the church constantly needs to re-evaluate its program.

The Brotherhood

he men had a banquet Friday evening. It was a supper
eting for all the people, so the ladies were present. This
a delightful affair with an address by a tall Texan, Dr.
yard Sagebiel, president of Texas Lutheran College of
A.L.C.

The Fellowship

he business at the convention was not too pressing. This
le for delightful fellowship and discussions between
ors and lay people. Perhaps that is an element that is
h more important than we generally think. Hundreds
subjects were thus discussed and ideas exchanged. This
s scope and breadth to the work later as the delegates
home and discuss the ideas with their friends.

THE WEEK AT DANA

TWO APPOINTMENTS FOR CHRISTIANITY DEPARTMENT



Othilia Hauge

Lake City in 1940, Mrs. Hauge taught school in Oklahoma and North Dakota, was parish worker at Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Audubon, Ia., for seven years, and was a Lutheran student counselor at North Dakota Agricultural College and Moorhead State Teachers College from 1952 until this spring.

Mrs. Hauge, a native of Flaxton, N. Dak., has two daughters, Beata, married to Mr. Robert Sorenson, a theological student, and Ruth, secretary-receptionist at the Lutheran Student offices in Minneapolis.

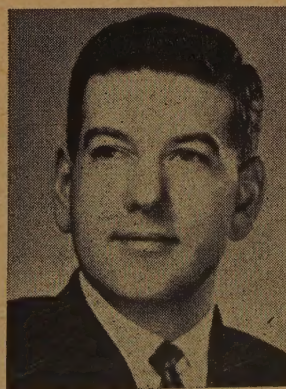
Rev. August J. Hoeger will be head of the Department of Christianity, effective in September. He holds the Bachelor's degree from Concordia College (ELC) at Moorhead, Minn., the Master's degree from the University of Kansas City, where he majored in Clinical Psychology, and has completed a year and a half of graduate study toward the Ph. D. degree at the University of Southern California. He completed study for the Bachelor of Divinity degree at Wartburg Seminary in 1955.

The new member of the Dana faculty served for a year and a half as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ALC) at Ankeny, Ia. He has also worked in the Mexican Mission Field of the ALC in Texas, and has been superintendent of a home for the aged and a home for the mentally infirm.



August J. Hoeger

FORMER TEAMMATES TO COACH RIVAL TEAMS



Bruce D. Rolloff

Two football teammates from a Minnesota college will be coaching opposing teams in the Nebraska College Conference this fall. Bruce D. Rolloff of Kenyon, Minn. will be football and track coach at Dana, effective in September. He was a teammate of Keith Skogman, Nebraska Wesleyan University coach, while both were playing college football at Gustavus Adolphus College (Augustana) at St. Peter, Minn. Skogman is also a former Dana coach.

Rolloff has a background of high school coaching in Minnesota. In 1948 he was granted the B. A. degree from Gustavus Adolphus College and in 1956 the Master of Education degree with a major in physical education from the University of Minnesota. During his two years of army service he was Athletic Director and Coach at Fort Carson, Colo., and also served in the European theater. He has played summer semi-pro baseball in Minneapolis.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

OUR CHRISTIAN TASK

By Sidney Jorgensen

"But be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry." II Timothy 4:5.

We are living in perilous times—just the kind of times in which our youth are challenged as never before to be all-out servants of Jesus Christ. If it was true in Paul's day, it is just as true today that young people should take seriously the task of the evangelical ministry. Not only those who are called into the full-time service of the holy ministry are ministers and evangelists. Every young man and woman who believes in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour must hear the call to proclaim the evangel—the gospel of salvation in Christ.

In these days we hear little about young people suffering hardship for the sake of Christ. Missionaries in Ecuador and other places give their lives to fulfill their ministry. But, how does a high school student in pleasant America suffer for Jesus? We do not seek suffering in order to be martyrs. We willingly accept suffering that comes because we stand up for Jesus Christ. We let it be known by our words and our actions that we belong to God.

An evangelist is an aggressive Christian. He goes out into the highways and byways to compel his friends and classmates to come to Christ. When his church has an evangelism mission, he volunteers to be a visitor, going from door to door so that he may by all means save some from the destruction of hell to the eternal bliss with Jesus.

Young people today want to have a good time. No time is better than time spent with Jesus in service for Him. "... Do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry."

(The above meditation was taken from *League Lingo*, the mimeographed paper of Our Saviour's Luther League of Oakland, California. The meditation was written by the pastor of the congregation.

—J.W.N.

People and Places

Minden, Nebraska:

The Fredericksburg Luther League of Minden sponsored an Easter sunrise service and breakfast league members from Hildreth and Minden as guests. About 60 attended.

On June 2 the league was host at a Luther League circuit rally. Guest speakers were Pastor Eugene Kander of St. Paul, Nebraska, at the afternoon meeting and Pastor Archie Madsen of Fremont, Nebraska, at the evening banquet. Sixty-five young people attended the banquet.

Oakland, California:

Among the devotional programs enjoyed by Saviour's Luther League of Oakland were two entitled "Trial by Jury" and "Wishing Won't Make It So." The first was from Youth Programs and had the league acting as jurors in a number of different traffic cases. The second was a program on various vocations written by Pastor and Mrs. Sidney Jorgensen. At the 11th meeting Barbara Johnson gave a short talk on Luther College.

On April 7 the league had a Pizza Party and on May 5 it sponsored the showing of the film, "A Man Called Peter." May 12 saw the league visiting the Morris Planetarium where they viewed the history of Halley's Comet.

Leaguers gathered at Mt. View Cemetery at 6:30 p.m. on Easter to participate in a sunrise service. Following the service they enjoyed a breakfast at the church.

Northfield, Minnesota:

On May 20 the Senior Luther League gathered at the parsonage for a devotional meeting at which Howard Hong, wife of Dr. Hong of St. Olaf, spoke on "Relations," emphasizing the importance of our relationship to Jesus Christ.

The Junior Luther League had a wiener roast and Bible camp discussion on June 9.

Hutchinson, Minnesota:

Thirty leaguers from Main Street Lutheran Church are planning to attend the Minnesota District Bible Camp at Luther Point near Grantsburg, Wisconsin, July 30-July 6.

Sunshine in a Box

By Leila Menard

Send a sunshine box to a shut-in. Whether an adult or a child, a gift of this kind will give much pleasure. It is a simple thing, and easy to prepare. A sunshine box is a week long gift. It contains seven gifts, wrapped separately, and labeled for each day of the week.

First procure a box, that is pretty to look at, or use a plain box, and decorate it to make it look attractive. Using a plain white box, it may be made more interesting by decorating with decals, or stenciled designs. Then colored scotch tape may be used to make a striped box, or crisscrossed to make squares or diamond-shaped designs. If using a paper carton it should be covered inside and out with colored crepe paper, or flowered paper, which will have to be pasted or taped on. Left over wall paper of a suitable design would do, also the box may be covered with silver or gold foil, you may make the box as simple or as elaborate as you wish.

The size will depend on the size and shape of the contents. They may be large or small, expensive or inexpensive. They may be useful, comical, or decorative. For example a box for a child might contain toys, candy, allowed, comic books, color book and crayons, articles of clothing, note paper and pencil, jigsaw puzzles or suitable games.

For an adult, either man or woman the gifts could be candy, books or magazines, handkerchiefs, socks, hose, or other articles of clothing. Costume jewelry, or any toilet article, such as hand lotion, body powder, cologne or finger nail kits would be acceptable to most any woman. Men too, like toilet articles, such as after shave lotion, hair dressing, talcum powder, etc. A nice gift for either man or woman, would be an absorbing game to help pass the hours.

A sunshine box may be given by a Sunday school class, circles, scout groups, or any group or organization. Even individuals may enjoy giving one of these gift packages to some one, who is ill or lonely.

The giver or givers, as the case may be will have almost as much fun buying gifts, and preparing a gift of this kind as the recipient. The one, who receives the box will have, not just one gift, but will enjoy a gift day for seven days.

YOUTH OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD SYNODICAL YOUTH BOARD MEETINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

9:00 A.M.

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Luther League Caravan Team Faces Full Schedule

Members of the first Luther League Caravan Team of the U.E.L.C. have begun a full schedule of activity that will take them into six states and numerous congregations.

The four Dana students who comprise the team are Carol Madsen of Kenmare, North Dakota, Alice Nelson of Beresford, South Dakota, James Sorensen of Irene, South Dakota, and Noel Petersen of Minden, Nebraska. The team will work in congregations and camps in Colorado, North Dakota, Utah, Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota.

Their schedule is as follows:

May 27-June 7: St. Mark's of Denver, Colo.

June 10-21: Christ the King of Denver, Colo.

June 24-July 5: Nazareth, Trinity and Zion of Kenmare, N. D.; Bethlehem of Bowbells, N. D.; and United of Flaxton.

July 8-19: Tabor of Salt Lake City, Utah.

July 22-August 2: Altura Community of Altura, Colo.; and First Bethany of Denver, Colo.

August 4-10: Okoboji Bible Camp, Iowa.

August 5-16: Our Saviour's of Lincoln, Nebr.

August 12-16: St. Peter's of Northfield, Minn.

BY THE FIRESIDE

MOTHER'S HANDS

By Beulah Fenderson Smith

If Mother's hands were for hire,
To bake a cake, to light a fire,
To cut and paste gay valentines,
To pack a picnic to the pines,
To bandage well a skinned-up knee,
To hang a rope swing from a tree,
To nurse a fevered little pup,
To hang the scattered clothing up,
To wash and mend, and sweep the
stair,
To curl a baby's silky hair,
To guide our steps when we are small,
And catch us when we start to fall,
To patch a tattered, wind-torn kite,
And tuck the covers in at night;
If Mother's hands were for hire,
To bake a cake, or light a fire,
Why, a millionaire she'd be,
Yet, every day, she gives them, free.

—Home Life

THIS IS FAITH

To live one's best today, believing
that God will give us strength for
the responsibilities of tomorrow when
they come.

To use one's best judgment in each
emergency, refusing thereafter to re-
proach oneself for not having used
better judgment.

To invest all one has on the side of
right, confiding in God, that the in-
vestment shall be eternally safe.

To meet each rising sun with the
knowledge that no temptation will
come during the day which will be
too great for us.

A quiet hour in the sun instead of
a far-away journey; a little outing in
the near-by woods instead of long
trips away; an hour with a friend in-
stead of an extended visit with rela-
tives; a few pages of a book instead
of hours of reading at a time; a flash
of sunset, a single beautiful flower,
a passing smile, a kindly word, a
little gift bestowed anonymously, a
little thoughtfulness here and there as
the days slip by—these are the crumbs
of happiness.

Do not despise them, lest when the
evening finds you, you be anhungered
and disconsolate.

—Author Unknown

WORRY

What does your anxiety do? It does
not empty tomorrow of its sorrow;
but it empties today of its strength.

It does not make you escape the
evil, it makes you unfit to cope with
it if it comes.

—James Watson, Houston Times

WALKING WITH GOD

This is the Old Testament way of
describing a holy life, and it is worth
remembering.

Enoch "walked with God," and he
walked with men at the same time.
He did not leave the earth to do it.
He did not even get out of business,
nor shut himself out from all the ac-
tivities of men. We cannot imagine
that he failed in any of these things—
and yet he walked with God.

He simply found God's way in the
forest and the field, in the market and
in the home, and he took it. He found
out where God was, and he went with
Him. He became God's man, and as
such he shared the peace of God, the
joy of God, and finally the rest of God.

A LITTLE SUN, A LITTLE RAIN

A little sun, a little rain,
A soft wind blowing from the West,
And woods and field are sweet again,
A warmth within the mountain's
breast.

So simple is the earth we tread,
So quick with love and life her frame:
Ten thousand years have dawned and
fled,
And still her magic is the same.

A little love, a little trust,
A glimpse of God, a heav'nly dream,
And life as dry as desert dust
Is fresher than a mountain stream,
So simple is the heart of man,
So ready for new hope and joy:
Ten thousand years since it began,
Have left it younger than a boy.

—Stopford A. Brooke.

UP ON THE GAME

Just before Lily Pons got off the
train in Greensboro, N. C., where she
was scheduled for a concert, her tour
manager advised her that local papers
had been informed that she was an
ardent baseball fan. Lily promised
to cooperate in any interviews and
show her enthusiasm for the sport.
She was met by a sports writer who
thought that her views on baseball
would make interesting reading, es-
pecially since this was the date of the
opening game of the World Series.

"I understand you are a baseball
fan," said the reporter.

"Indeed I am," Miss Pons answered.
"Are you going to listen to the game
today on the radio?"

"Indeed I am," was the reply once
more. Then after a pause, "By the
way, who is playing today?"

—Music Journal.

I AM ONLY ONE

I am only one. But I am one.
I cannot do everything. But I can
something.

What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do, by the grace
God I will do. —Selectee

WAIT

Who sees the beauty of a single
Must wait for night to fling her ge
afar;
Who sniffs the fragrance of an ea
rose
Must wait for spring to melt the w
ter snows;
Who plants a seed beneath the
and rain
Must wait for earth to yield the ge
en grain.
The deepest joys in life often co
late,
Who claims them as his own m
learn to wait.

—Sybil Leonard Arme
in Home Life

PLEASE

By Mildred Roberts Sterrett

God give me, please,
Beauty of soul.
The courage to take time
Before I'm old
To love the friends
Who nurture me
With their kindness,
Daily, nightly.
To love the flowers
And pretty things,
And every happy heart
That sings.

The patient was recovering fr
pneumonia. He had repeatedly ask
for food, and at long last the nu
served him a mere spoonful of ri
A few moments later the patie
called the nurse again.

"Now I want to read a little,"
said. "Bring me a postage stamp."

The stout lady on the scale in t
clinic office was eagerly watched
two small boys. But the spring w
out of order and the arm balanced
75 pounds.

"Good night, Bill!" gasped one
the youngsters in amazement. "Sh
hollow."

CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

(Continued from page 4)

SAYS WEST GERMAN CHURCHES TO NEED HELP IN AIDING REFUGEES

West Germany must be prepared to accommodate 385,000 refugees during 1957 and churches will need assistance to share in this work,abeth Urbig, representative of Home Mission and Hilfswerk of Evangelical Church in Germany at Eastbourne, England.

He spoke at the annual consultation of the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church and Service to Refugees. Some delegates from 35 countries attended the meeting. The sessions usually held in Switzerland, but place in England this year at invitation of the British Council Churches.

The West German churches do ask for money for their own building or church construction programs," Miss Urbig said, "but we require material aid for these refugees."

He reported that at the end of January 235,000 refugees were living at residential camps in West Germany. Of this total, Miss Urbig said 135,000 were expellees, 27,000 homeless foreigners, and 50,000 refugees from Communism. Just over 50 per cent of these persons, she said, have been living in camps for more than eight years.

Miss Urbig said another 200,000 Zone refugees are living at camps in West Germany and Berlin, and the number of families repatriated from Poland is increasing.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TO WORK ON EPISCOPAL CHURCH PROJECTS

Eighteen high school girls from various states, the District of Columbia and Panama will give up part of their vacations this summer to work on Episcopal Church projects in various parts of the country.

The youths are members of the Society of the Friendly Society, sponsored by the Church. They will be participating in the society's 1957 Summer

Service Opportunity Program launched last year.

The program provides girls of high school age the same opportunity as college students to work in church-sponsored welfare projects.

Some of the students will go to South Dakota and New Mexico to work among the Indians, and to North Carolina to take part in a project sponsored by the Church's National Town and Country Division. Others will help build a summer camp and conference center in Alaska or serve in New York City Episcopal Missions.

WASHINGTON OBSERVER

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increased 61% while productivity has gone up only 26%. The differential here is said to find its immediate reflection in rising prices all along the line. With more money in our pocketbooks to buy, with less goods available for buying, what can be expected other than prices should go up and up

Of course, there are other factors involved. However that may be, we should not allow ourselves to be diverted from the conclusions of the Labor Department, granted they do apply to us. An increase of earnings is always pleasant, but there is a limit. More than that, income and production should somehow balance. To want more than we really earn, to be more concerned to get than to give, this can only create tension and trouble. The laborer is worthy of his hire and should be properly paid. When the laborer becomes rapacious and asks too much, he is as blameworthy as the capitalist who is greedy and who pays too little.

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BOOK REVIEW

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. . ." The verb here is strong—He compels me, he forces me to lie down in green pastures.

An American traveling in Syria became acquainted with a shepherd. Each morning, he noticed the shepherd carrying food to the sheep. The traveler followed him one morning and found that he was taking the food to one sheep that had a broken leg. As he looked at the animal, he said to the shepherd. "How did the sheep break its leg? Did it meet with an accident—fall into a hole, or did some animal break the leg?" "No," said the shepherd, "I broke this sheep's leg myself." "You broke it yourself?" queried the surprised traveler. "Yes. You see, this is a wayward sheep; it would not stay with the flock, but would lead the other sheep astray. Then it would not let me get near it. I could not approach it, and so I had to break the sheep's leg that it might allow me, day by day, to feed it. In doing this, it will get to know me as its shepherd, trust me as its guide, and keep with the flock."

Robert Boyd Munger, in
What Jesus Says,
(Fleming H. Revell Co.).

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Utilizing Christian Education Opportunities

By Soren S. Kaldahl

The Sunday school in the Lutheran Church is generally considered the most important medium within the congregation for the imparting of Christian teaching and knowledge. It is a very important way which the congregation has in meeting the command of Jesus Christ, the Head of the church, when He said, "Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

There is no doubt, that, as a result of the recent article in Life Magazine taking the Sunday school of the Protestant to task because of certain shortcomings in the Sunday schools, there will be a checking to see where these schools may be failing and what can be done to improve such shortcomings by boards of parish education on the congregational and synodical levels.

It is not the purpose of this article to enter into a discussion of the

merits or demerits of the above mentioned article.

There should be a continued re-checking into the curriculum being used and the teaching personnel working with this curriculum to see if these are rightly serving the overall purpose of Christian education. If there are weaknesses to be corrected and improvements to be made, these should receive the careful and considerate attention by such as are in charge of the Christian education program within the congregation.

OTHER MEANS BESIDE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. The Sunday schools of our churches have served and are serving in a most wonderful way in the realization of the purpose of Christian education as far as they go. The same may be said for the Vacation Bible schools. They also serve as a wonderful medium in Christian education

within the congregation.

Even though the Sunday schools and the Vacation Bible schools are being used, the question may be raised if there are not other means or schools which can be used to good advantage as we think of the aim of Christian education within the congregation. This question has arisen and is arising in certain Lutheran circles. These are especially calling attention to the Christian Day School and the Vacation Bible School as schools or other means in meeting this aim. It is with interest we noted that the United Lutheran Church at its 1956 convention went on record urging the use of the Christian Day School. Our synod has one Christian Day school, which is the St. Paul Lutheran Christian Day School in Los Angeles, California.

THE WEEK DAY SCHOOL. This is a type of school which could be readily used by our congregations to supplement the work of the Sunday school and Vacation

*Synodical Budget comprises: (1) Children's Homes, (2) School Fund, (3) General, (4) Home Mission, (5) Indian Mission, (6) Pension Fund.
**Extra-Synodical comprises: (A) Foreign Missions (where most needed), (B) South America, (C) Japan, (D) Santal, (E) Sudan, (F) Jewish, (G) China.

Previously acknowledged (June 8, 1957)	TOTAL	Fiscal Year	Synodical*	Calendar Year	Extra-Synodical**	Calendar Year
Berkeley, Calif., from Edna and Henry Jorgensen in memory of Mrs. Dagmar Pilgaard of Easton, Calif.	5.00			(C)	5.00	
Winnemou, Nebr., Bethesda Luth. S. S. for the Indian Mission	8.60		8.60			
Omaha, Nebr., Pella Luth. Church from Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Olsen, Mrs. Lydia Petersen, and Pastor and Mrs. Viggo J. Petersen, Dannebrog, Nebr., in memory of Mr. A. Lillethorup—Home Mission	5.00		5.00			
Omaha, Nebr., Pella Luth. Church in memory of Mr. N. J. J. Nelson of Neola, Ia., from Mrs. Peter Bondo and Mr. and Mrs. Boas Weismann—School Fund	4.00		4.00			
Spencer, Ia., Bethany Luth. S. S.	27.77			(A)	27.77	
No. Hollywood, Calif., Valley Luth. Church	532.41		258.79	(A)	11.00	20
Rolfe, Ia., St. Pauls Luth. Church from Anonymous	2.00		2.00			
Brooklyn, Wis., Brooklyn Luth. Church	125.00					12
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Ev. Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Oakland, Calif., from W. H. Anderson, Mrs. Forrest Reedley, Waupaca, and Mrs. Harvey Hanschlee, Clintonville, Wis.	5.00			(B)	5.00	
Hutchinson, Minn., from Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lamp, Elevator fund at Brush, Colo. \$2	8.00			(B)	4.00	
Eugene, Ore., Emmaus Luth. Church \$10 in memory of Mrs. Barnes, \$5 from the Ladies Aid and \$5 by the Dorcas Needle Club	125.00		125.00			
Reedley, Calif., Ebenezer Luth. Ladies Aid	24.00			(C)	24.00	
Blair, Nebr., First Luth. Church—General Fund	400.00		400.00			
Audubon, Ia., Eben-Ezer Luth. Church from Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Christensen \$5 each for B, C, D, E, F and G	30.00				30.00	
Omaha, Nebr., Pella Ev. Luth.—General Fund	182.60		182.60			
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church from Rev. and Mrs. Clarence E. Jensen, training seminary student	50.00			(E)	50.00	
From Mrs. And. Petersen \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Carlsen \$1, Home Mission	6.00		6.00			
Oakland, Calif., Our Sav. Luth. Church—Gen. Fund	200.00		200.00			
Westby, Mont., Daneville Luth. Church from Messrs. and Mmes. Geo. Nelson \$10; Clarence Christensen \$10; Geo. Andersen \$10; Carl Jensen, \$4, Jacob Rasmussen \$3; Jonas Jensen \$4; Raymond Johnson \$2; Hans Madsen \$2; Eldon Hansen \$1 and Loose Offerings \$25.30	71.80					7
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. S. S. for Munshi Tudu	35.00			(D)	35.00	
Salt Lake City, Utah, Tabor Luth. Church	175.00					17
Denver, Colo., Christ the King Ev. Luth. Church, General Fund \$85	120.00		85.00	(A)	35.00	
Kenosha, Wis., St. Mary's Ev. Luth. Church	107.48					10
Jacksonville, Ia., Bethlehem Luth. S. S.	20.40			(E)	20.40	
Castro Valley, Calif., Faith Luth. Church—General Fund	264.41		264.41			
Pewaukee, Wis., Galilee Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. Peder Nelson from Chaplain and Mrs. Laurits Pedersen—General Fund	5.00		5.00			
Sidney, Mont., Pella Luth. Church—Indian Mission	16.50		16.50			
From Niels Norgaard	1.00			(D)	1.00	
Fremont, Nebr., First Luth. Church, in memory of Mrs. P. C. Johnsen \$60 for (C); \$16 for (A)	76.00				76.00	
Laurens, N. Y., St. Matthew Luth. Church, Gen. Fund \$28.75 and Pension Fund \$1	29.75		29.75			
Albert Lea, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church from the Mission Circle No. 5 in memory of Mrs. Jacob Hansen for Home Mission	25.00		25.00			
Brush, Colo., Eben-Ezer (All Saints Luth. Church) 1957 quota paid in full	40.50					4
Herman, Nebr., Federated Church for Home Mission	50.00		50.00			
Inglewood, Calif., Olivet Luth. Church, quota paid in full for 1957	585.12					58
TOTAL	52432.47	7467.84	31075.75		1388	

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P. V. Hansen, Treasurer

school. It is interesting to what this type of school is being and recommended, and to some extent in the American Lutheran Church and the United Lutheran Church. The great in- of the United Lutheran h in this type of school is ced by the very fine Week Church School Series, which e recently published. (see it ised in Lutheran Publishing catalogue).

at is a Week Day School so ay ask. This quote from the atory material with the ULC Day School Series to explain such a school is,—“It is a l school that meets for one to hours during the week. It d be organized with the same standard as the public school, l with competent instructors, ollow a regular course of in- on.”

ay rightly be said that the s confirmation class is this f a school. And a school con- on released time is also this f a school. In both the Ameri- lutheran Church and the Unit- lutheran Church this type of usually meets at the church night following the public hours or on Saturday, or One of the ALC Oklahoma es uses Wednesday night as a night. The children come church directly from the pub- hool. It has classes for all e from the junior high age and down. The pastor teaches nfirmation class during this . Following a fellowship sup- r which the adults and young e come to the church, there are studies for the adults, choir sals and other activities for ildren.

question may be asked how teachers for such a school. hey to be salaried teachers? ove mentioned church bodies and use teachers on a volun- asis as a Christian service in church. This type of teaching e recommended as it offers derful and blessed opportun- ore church members in rend-

ering Christian service. However, such teachers, like those of the Sunday school and Vacation Bible school, need as much leadership training as is possible to give them. Such a school should not be attempted until the necessary teachers receive the training it is possible to give within the congregation by qualified leaders.

We believe it is a type of school which can be readily introduced and utilized in many of our congregations. We know that, if such is to be used, it will call for good planning and publicity as to the value of such a school. The beginning could be made with one or two grades as was the case with the above mentioned Oklahoma church. Grades can be added as interest grows and as facilities and teachers are provided.

To a congregation interested in such a school as well as in guidance in other phases of Christian Education the Board of Parish Education would like to recommend “The Source Book of Parish Education in the American Lutheran Church” (a new one is being prepared). For a curriculum in a Week Day School we would most heartily recommend the ULC Weekday Church School Series for All Grades. The American Lutheran Church also has materials for such a school. (Order such through our synodical Lutheran Publishing House in Blair).

A knowledge of the Word of God is a strong weapon of defense for the Church School teacher. An illustration of this occurred in a new fast-growing Sunday school. A class of boys had made life miserable for several teachers, who dropped out one by one. Finally a young schoolteacher was challenged to take the class. After a week of prayer and study, she entered the classroom feeling very definitely that Christ was there with her and that she had a lesson to present that would hold their interest and challenge them. As she closed the door and gave the class a word of greeting, to her horror she saw a baby snake dart across the floor. Not for one moment did she let the children know that she was afraid of all snakes. Calmly she said, “Oh, what a pretty snake.” Then, motioning to the one she detected as the culprit, she said, “Won’t you pick it up so we

can all see it?” After a very brief discussion, the boy was asked to drop the snake out the window. Then, instead of the prepared lesson, this new teacher began to talk about snakes or serpents as referred to in the Bible. She had read them in Genesis how sin entered into the garden. Then, with her open Bible before her, she gave a marvelous talk on sin, driving home truths which the class won’t soon forget. It was a sober and quiet class of boys that filed out of the classroom, but not until they had expressed the wish that she would continue to be their teacher. The teacher did not teach her prepared lesson, but she asked God to give her wisdom and to be present, and He did not fail her. She had won the respect and admiration of her boys.

Angelyn B. Sutherland, in
How To Run A Sunday School
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

“I don’t understand that girl of mine,” an anxious mother confided to her pastor. “She has the wildest ideas. I don’t know where she got them. But certainly she did not get them out of our home!” But that was precisely where the troubled mother was mistaken. Her daughter had come across those very ideas inside her own home. She had heard them voiced in the most charming manner over the radio.

She had begun smoking because a cigarette advertiser had hired a famous band and had sponsored some really great music. She had drifted into drinking because a brewery presented a “popular program.” She had departed from her father’s faith and her mother’s ideals because of disintegrating influences she had encountered at the radio inside her parents’ home.

There are so many ways in which a radio can be so deadly!

Henry Rische, in
American Youth In Trouble!
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

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from the 1st chapter of Acts and led in prayer. The program continued with a musical number presented by each congregation.

Pastor Anderson introduced the afternoon speaker, Pastor Jack Jacobsen of Coulter, Iowa, who had been a missionary to Africa. Pastor Jacobsen spoke on the scripture from 13th chapter of Acts. He showed slides from Africa and made remarks. At the close of his talk, he favored the group with a solo.

An offering of \$64.56 was taken, to be sent to our district project, of supporting Nean Rohe, our missionary in Sudan.



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